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GERMAN ADVANCE HALTED BY FRENCH

Big Guns Take Place of Rifles and Bayonets in Fighting Region.

KAISER'S FORCES ARE ACTIVE

Efforts Interpreted in Some Quarters as Attempt to Resume General Offensive.

Great Battle in West at Virtual Standstill

A GAIN the great battle in the A west seemingly has come to a

There still is fighting in the orthern part of France, where the French War Office reports the capture of a new trench in the vicinity of Perthes, but apparently the Germans have ceased, for the time being, the impetuous advance which in the last few days has gained for them considerable territory.

A late report from Paris says a heavy cannonade has been heard on wiss frontier near Basel, which probably is an indication of heavy aghting in the Alance province.

A Rotterdam paper estimates the British losses in France and Flanders from January 1 to January 13 as 190 officers and 6,200 men.

An Ostend correspondent of an Amsterdam paper declares the Germans have evacuated all the coast towns and villages as far north as Mariakerke, north of Nieuport, and three miles to the north to the southwest of Ostend.

From Russian Poland comes word of comparative calm, although the Germans, according to Petrograd, have been continuing unsuccessful offensive operations. The Austrian War Department says the situation in Poland, Galicia and the Carpathians shows no cannge

The British Foreign Office and admiralty are bending their efforts to eign vessels suspected of carrying contraband, and their release, if the suspicions are not confirmed. Cusom officials are working day and night to carry out this policy.

Gustave of Sweden, speaking to Parliament, with reference to the attitude of his country in the present crisis, said a careful regard for the neutrality of Sweden and for the right to decide her destiny, necessarily involved personal sacriices and required that her military forces should be increasingly main tained. He expressed the hope that the recent conference of the Scan dinavian kings would result in the Sweden, Denmark and Norway, in order that the position of Sweden might be strengthened.

LONDON, January 16 (9:35 P. M.) .ments as a result of the German suc cess in regaining lost ground north of Solssons, and the Russian advance between the East Prussian frontier and the Vistula River.

The French, who are strongly in trenched along the Alsne River, on either side of Solssons, with the assistance of the floods, apparently have checked any further German advance. rifles and bayonets in the fighting region.

In fact, artillery continues to play the leading role, although here and counterattacks have been made.

The Germans in one of these recaptured some trenches near Carency, but their attacks elsewhere, particularly near Flirey, south of Thiaucourt, where they have been most violent, have not heen so successful.

ACTIVE IN EFFORT

TO RECOVER GROUND The Germans have displayed much activity in their effort to recover ground they lost during the allies' offensive undertaken late in December. Their efforts are interpreted in some quarters as an attempt to resume a general offensive. With the ground soft, military men in London do not believe the Germans will make any such effort, but, as success may depend to a large extent on a surprise, they may attempt the unexpected

In Poland, North and South, fighting consists largely of artillery engage ments, but here, too, the Germans con to attack the Russian armies which block the road to Warsaw, apparently without making headway.

Unless Field Marshal von Hinden burg has another army to meet the Russians, who have advanced almost to the German frontier on the right bank of the lower Vistula, this hammering on must cease, for, with the freezing of the river, it would be possible fo the Russians to cross and attack the Germans on the flank and rear.

AUSTRIANS ALSO TRY

TO STOP RUSSIANS The Austrians, like their allies, have brought forward heavy artillery, and are trying to stop the Russian army, which, if it gets across the Dunajec River again, will threaten Cracow. The Russians have mounted guns on the crests of the Carpathians to ward off the Austro-German forces reported to have been organized to protect Hungary from invasion, while in Bukowina they are concentrating for an advance into Transylvania. Thus any Austro-German army which advances in Hun gary will be open to attack from both

north and east. / The Turks are reported to have met (Continued on Second Page.)

TO MAKE DISTRICT DRY

Jones Urges Absolute Prohibition as Rider to Appropriation Bill.

WASHINGTON, January 16 .- Declaring the liquor interests had defeated proper administration of the District of Columbia "model license" law, Senator Jones urged the Senate to-day to vote absolute prohibition as a rider to the District appropriation bill. The excise board, he said, had located eighteen saloons illegally, and Joseph C. Sheehy, a member of the board, had resigned to become attorney for liquor dealers seeking licenses. In one instance, he said, Sheehy and associate counsel entered into a contract to pro-

cure a transfer of a license for \$5,500. Senator Simmons protested that in-corporation of the prohibition rider in the appropriation bill would deprive the President of his right to consider each subject of legislation on its own merits. He declared the responsibility of the President for legislation was greater Gustave Hernandez and Francisco than that of a Senator, because responsibility in Congress was divided

among many. The rider was under discussion throughout the Senate session to-day, but no vote was reached.

LABOR MEN SEE WILSON

Approve Immigration Bill.

WASHINGTON, January 16.-Samuel Gompers and the executive council of the American Federation of Labor asked President Wilson to-day to approve the immigration bill, now before him, and to do everything in his power to obtain final passage of the seamen's bill, a bill to regulate the use of convict labor, and a workmen's compensation bill for employes in interstate

The President made no definite promises, but afterwards Mr. Gompers said he was "greatly encouraged," and that the President's attitude had been "very cordial and sympathetic."

The President informed the delega-tion that a public hearing on the immigration bill would be held next week. The seamen's bill has passed the Sen ate and House and is in conference. The bill to regulate the use of convict labor passed the House, and is pending in the Senate. Several bills have been introduced providing for workmen's compensation for employes in interstate commerce.

WARSHIP FOR HAITI

Cruiser Washington Expected to Leave Hampton Roads on Monday.

WASHINGTON, January 16 .- The State Department probably will request that another warship be sent to Haitian waters to look out for foreign interests during the present revolution. The cruiser Washington, with 150 marines, is preparing to leave Hampton Roads on Monday for Haiti.

In San Domingan waters, near by, is the tender Castine, a small vessel whose bluejackets would be used in while the cruiser Montana lies at Guantanamo, Cuba, and could reach night. Haiti in less than a day.

MRS. VANDERBILT IMPROVES

Doctor Thinks There will Be No Dis-

[Special to The Times Dispatch.] NEW YORK, January 16.—Mrs. Cora few days from the wounds in the by Carranza troops. face yesterday from a flying piece of figuring scar through the operations of Dr. Austin Flint, Jr., who was called latter supposed to be an American to attend Mrs. Vanderbilt. Dr. Flint sald the first report that he had put several stitches in the wound was erroneous, as he had not found it necessary to use any stitches in closing the

MUST USE MARINE HOSPITALS

New Order Affecting Revenue Cutter Officers Issued by Blue.

WASHINGTON, January 16 .- Sur geon-General Blue, of the Public Health Service, at the request of the Revenue Cutter Service, to-day issued an order directing that hereafter all revenue cutter officers who are sick shall be interned at marine hospitals. instead of being permitted to return to their homes.

Except under unusual circumstances, cutter officers will not be allowed to spend their sick leave at home in the

RUSSIAN LOAN ARRANGED

Bills Accepted by Morgan and Associates Reach \$25,000,000.

NEW YORK, January 16 .- The loan of the group of New York bankers to the Russian government has been perfected. Russian bills accepted by J. P. Morgan & Co., and their associates reach \$25,000,000 for ninety days, subject to renewal for an additional ninety days at 5 per cent per annum, plus bankers' commission of one-half of 1 per cent for acceptance of the bills for each period.

JOHN EDWARD PARSONS DEAD

Was Veteran Lawyer and Organizer of Sugar Trust.

[Special to The Times Dispatch.] NEW YORK, January 16.—John Edward Parsons, veteran lawyer and organizer of the sugar trust, died to-day at his home here. Mr. Parsons had specialized in corporation law through a long career at the bar, and other lawyers agree that he had few equals and not one who was superior in this

NO SIGN OF CREW

Damaged German Hydroplane Found

COPENHAGEN, January 16 (via Lon don) .- A damaged German hydroplane has been found on the coast of Manoe, a small Danish island in the North Sea There were no signs of the crew, who are believed to have perished.

The machine was loaded with bombs.

CARRANZA ORDERS AMERICANS KILLED

United States Reported Put to Death.

Lifting of Tampico Embargo on Will Enforce Collection of Capi-Exportation of Oil Removes Danger of Complications.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, January 16 .-Texas, were executed by order of Carranza officials at Rio Bravo, according families of the two men.

charged with supplying factions opposed to Carranza with arms, and, it is alleged, three wagon-loads of rifles were confiscated when they were ar-

It is stated that they were hanged. stated that reports of the alleged execunandez and Yturria, who were in not conceded. It is even hooted at by Mexico at the time they were arrested, some of the supporters of the centraliand stated that the information was secured from Mexican officials. Denial is made by Carranza officials

Matamoros that the men were put to death. The report that the men were American citizens also has been questioned, and cannot be confirmed

CARRANZA LIFTS EMBARGO

British embassy to-night received word investigation of the high prices paid through the British legation in Mexico for schoolbooks, and the reason of the City that General Carranza had lifted publishers for discriminating against the Tampico embargo on exportation Virginia, was adopted. At the suggesof oil, which had threatened the fuel tion of Speaker Cox, the resolution was supply of the British fleet. No details amended by Mr. Gunn so as to enlarge of the extent of Carranza's modification of his previous decrees was received, but danger of serious complica- the Senate and three from the House. tions was believed to have been removed. Negotiations still are being conducted to enable American and British-owned companies upon whom spect to the late Senator Edward prohibitive taxes had been levied to reopen their plants.

redondo, Washington representative of Carranza, and Charles A. Douglas, The gunboat Wheeling is at Port au-Prince, on the west coast, and, if neces-sary, could be dispatched to the north over the Tampico situation.

The State Department to-day rement which the Mexico City conven-Halti as consulate guards if needed, tion is expected to adopt, and which was announced in Mexico City last

SALTILLO REOCCUPIED

BY CARRANZA TROOPS BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS, January 16. -Carranza officials at Matamoros, op- tron, requires the clerks of counties Naval Committee said that, while in

Colonel Elizondo, chief of arms in citizen, were hanged yesterday at Rio Bravo, forty miles from here

EVACUATION OF NACO

IS NOW IN PROGRESS NACO, ARIZ., January 16.-Evacuation of Naco, Sonora, by General Calles Carranza troops has begun, in compliance with the agreement for border peace negotiated with the Mexican factions by Brigadier-General Scott, chief of staff of the United States Army.

All the cavalry was being sent out to-night. The main body of the garrison will leave at daylight for Agua Prieta. Three cars with the wounded and the women and children and twenty-six cars of merchandise are loaded, to be shipped through the United States

Governor Maytorena, the other party to General Scott's agreement, already has withdrawn from the blockade of the town.

When the evacuation is completed, Brigadier-General Tasker H. Bliss will remove part of his troops here to Douglas, opposite Agua Prieta. The present intention is to keep strong forces here and at Douglas for some

VILLA PREPARING TO

GO TO MEXICO CITY EL PASO, TEXAS, January 16 .- Passengers who arrived to-night from the south reported that General Villa with his army was preparing to depart hastily from Aguascalientes for the national capital. It was rumored here that Mexico City had been occupied by Obregon.

Those who left the capital recently said that only a small force of Zapata soldiers had been left to defend the

WILEY FOR LOW-NECK DRESS

Urges Women to Wear This Style of Gown on All Occasions.

[Special to The Times Dispatch.] WASHINGTON, January 16.—Dresses that are low at one end and high at the other, the same being the upper and lower ends respectively, are all right from the standpoint of hygiene, according to Dr. Harvey W. Wiley. Talking to the Child Welfare Asso-

clation of Anacostia, Dr. Wiley urged the women to wear the low-neck style of gown for all occasions. He also expressed the hope that some day men will banish collars. Then he would have us all discard

EARLY SHOWDOWN EARTHQUAKE'S TOLL **NOW ANTICIPATED**

Two Naturalized Citizens of General Assembly Rapidly Taking Position on Tax Commission Report.

NO DETAILS OF EXECUTION HOUSE IS FOR SEGREGATION

tation Taxes Three Years Delinquent.

Developments yesterday indicate an early showdown of hands in the Gen-Yturria, said to be naturalized Ameri- eral Assembly on the Tax Commission's cans of Donna, Hidalgo County, report. It seems probable that before jority will be insisting upon procedure to notifications received to-day by the along definite lines. A substantial majority will be supporting either the According to information received by partial segregation system advocated relatives of the men, they were by the minority of the Tax Commission or the commission system for which the majority of that body is contending.

To the most casual onlooker it is abparent at this time that there is an overwhelming majority in the House of Delegates for the partial segregation plan. Sentiment is more evenly divided A dispatch from Donna late to-night in the Senate. Advocates of the partial segregation system claim a good mations were sent by friends of Her- jority in the Senate, but this claim is not conceded. It is even hooted at by zation plan.

MUST REPORT ON TAX

BILLS BY TUESDAY Action toward hastening the show-

down was taken by the House yesterday, when the resolution from the Committee on Rules, directing the Finance Committee to report on both of the general tax bills not later than Tuesday, was adopted.

ON EXPORTATION OF OIL

WASHINGTON, January 16.—The Julien Gunn last Friday calling for an the proposed investigation committee from three to five members, two from

The Senate deferred the memorial session, which was to have been held yesterday morning as a tribute of re-Echols, until after the election of W. H. Landes, who is to succeed Mr. Echols, The British ambassador, Eliseo Ar- in order that he may participate in the ceremonies. Mr. Landes will be elected Tuesday, January 19, and he will take the oath of office probably before the end of the week. The postponement is at the request of Mr. Landes.

WILL ENFORCE PAYMENT OF CAPITATION TAXES In the House of Delegates, Captain William M. Myers secured an amendment to the bill providing for the collection of capitation taxes that are three years or more past due. Delegate Robert L. Pennington, of Lee, also suc-

ceeded in tacking on an amendment.

The bill, of which Mr. Lowry is paposite this city, to-night announced and cities to make out a list of all the European war "the submarine has that they had been officially advised capitation taxes that are three years been effective in harbor and coast dethat Saltillo had been evacuated by the or more past due and deliver the same nelius Vanderbilt, Jr., will recover in forces of General Villa and reoccupied to the treasurer on or before October 1, 1915, and each year thereafter, taking face yesterday from a nying piece of the Matamoros, to-night issued a state- warding a copy of the receipt to the carriage. She may even escape a dis- ment denying a report that Gustavo State Auditor. The treasurer is to col-Fernandez and Francisco Yturria, the lect the delinquent capitation taxes as other taxes are collected. After December 1 of each year the treasurer is to levy for these taxes as he does with other taxes. He must keep a separate account of them, and make his accounting to the Auditor at the same time he accounts for other taxes. In the month of October he is to pay to his county or city its proportion of the delinquent capitation taxes he has collected. concluding paragraph of the bill orig-

> "The clerks for performing the duties herein required of them shall receive as compensation 10 cents for every twenty-five names furnished the treasurer, as herein required."

> The Pennington amendment adds this phrase: "To be paid out of the State taxes." The Myers amendment fur-"To be paid out of the State ther supplements it: "Provided, further, that the name of the same person shall not appear oftener than once on any one list submitted under this act." The bill is House bill No. 2, and was reported from the Finance Committee. JUDGES NAMED IN CAUCUS

ARE FORMALLY ELECTED At 11 o'clock the two branches of

Legislature went into the formal elec- United States Navy on July 1, the retion of the judges nominated by the formality consumed almost an hour, it 336, with displacement of 1,354,884, are being necessary to go through the roll "fit for service, including those under call for each election. First in order repair," the remainder being under came the election of Judge Joseph L. Kelly, of Bristol, who succeeds Associate Justice John A. Buchanan on the bench of the Supreme Court of Appeals. Then followed the election of the Circuit and Corporation Court judges. Each was nominated by a member of thirty submarines and numerous other Carranza troops under General Alvaro | the Senate and House from his district. | craft. The new judges are:

Twelfth Judicial District, Judge Thomas E. Blakey, succeeding Judge T. R. B. Wright; Twenty-third District, Judge Preston W. Campbell, suc ng Judge F. B. Hutton; Thirtieth District, Judge P. H. Dillard, succeeding Judge J. Lawrence Campbell; Corpora tion Court of Roanoke, Judge A. E. King, succeeding Judge Waller Staples; Corporation Court of Bristol, Judge Floyd H. Roberts, succeeding Judge Joseph L. Kelly.

The call of Chairman Spessard for a joint meeting of the Finance Committees of the House and Senate for 10 o'clock to-morrow morning was read by Clerk John W. Williams just before adjournment to the noon hour Monday. FINANCE COMMITTEE HEARS BIG COAL OPERATOR

sat for more than two hours yesterday afternoon hearing suggestions pertain hats, and he urged fond parents to let ing to the tax question from Captain their offspring go barefoot all the year D. H. Barger, of Shawville, a coal (Continued on Eighth Page.)

The Finance Committee of the House

"Langhorne Girl" Secures Divorce

MRS. REGINALD BROOKS.

NO CHANGE IN PROGRAM MRS. REGINALD BROOKS FOR TWO BATTLESHIPS

Committee Formally Reports \$148,- Circuit Court of Albemarle County 000,000 Naval Bill to

DEBATE OPENS ON FEBRUARY 1

Measure Carries Increase of \$8.402 .-006 Over What Navy Department Recommended-Daniels Commended for Economies.

WASHINGTON, January 16 .- In formally reporting the \$148,000,000 naval bill to the House to-day, the the sea as the superior battleship fleet Reginald Brooks, in December, but the has done, causing an enemy with an fact only became public to-day. inferior battleship fleet to suffer great

The committee reported that, therenot been changed.

an increase of \$8 499 006 in the building program over what the Navy Department recommended.

The committee commended Secretary Daniels for economies, indorsed the years. proposed new office of chief of operations, and urged the provision for creating a naval reserve, which would provide 25,000 trained men within a few

"The organization of a naval reserve is necessary to the adequate defense of the country," said the committee.

The committee report contained a list, furnished by the Navy Department, of the men-of-war lost by the European belligerents from July 1, 1914, to January, 1915, totaling ninety-nine vessels all, not including interned ships. The list summarizes these losses: Germany, forty-seven; England, thirty-France, Japan and Austria, five each; Russia, four, and Turkey, two. The total number of vessels in the port summarizes, was 396, with a total Democratic caucus Friday night. This displacement of 1,658,647 tons, of which Those listed as fit for service include ten firstline battleships, twenty-five second-line battleships, ten armored cruisers, twenty-four other cruisers, nine monitors, fifty destroyers, nineteen torpedo boats.

GUS WILLIAMS ENDS LIFE

He Established German Comedian Type on American Stage. [Special to The Times Dispatch.]

NEW YORK, January 16 .- Gus Williams, who established the German comedian type on the American stage shot himself to-day in the New York Central suburban station at Yonkers, dying a short time later in a Yonkers hospital. The suicide cannot be explained by his many friends, as he was apparently in good financial circumstances. He was seventy years old, and suffered from stomach trouble, but, in spite of this, he had seemed in good spirits. Mr. Williams began his stage career at Tony Pastor's in 1866. For ten years he was a prime favorite with Pastor's patrons. His early song hits included "Keiser, Don't You Want to He also served throughout the Civil paid a brief visit to her sister in Lon-

GETS PARTIAL DIVORCE

Grants Decree to One of "the Beautiful Langhorne Sisters."

Action, Taken in December, Given to Public for First Time-Mrs. Brooks En Route to London to Aid Sister in Nursing Soldiers.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] 16 .- Mrs. Phyllis Langhorne Brooks, thought there is a possibility the ocwho sailed this week for London to cupants of ruined dwellings may not visit her sister. Mrs. William Waldorf yet have perished. visit her sister, Mrs. William Waldorf Astor, whom she will assist in nursing wounded English soldiers, was grante fense, it has not been able to control a partial divorce from her husband,

Late in December depositions were loss of merchant ships, blockade its | taken before Garland M. McNutt, a ports and drive its commerce off the local commissioner in chancery. decree was entered on December 18 in the Circuit Court of Albemaris County, fore, the two-battleship program had which recited that the parties to the sult were lawfully married on Novem-The bill probably will be reported ber 14, 1901, and that Reginald Brooks, for debate on February 1. It carries on September 18, 1912, wilfully and in tentionally abandoned and deserted his wife, and that the desertion and abandonment had continued to the date of the decree, a period of more than two

BARRED OF ALL DOWER RIGHTS IN PROPERTY

Mrs. Brooks was granted a divorce mensa et thoro, and the parties to the suit were divested and barred of all dower and curtesy rights in the owned or hereafter acquired. The de cree expressly provides that nothing in it shall affect the rights and obligations of either under an agreement bearing date of February 24, 1913, in regard to an allowance for the suppor of Mrs. Brooks and her two children. Reginald and David L. Brooks, and also in regard to the custody, maintenance and education of the children as provided for in that agreement.

The decree places the cause upon the suspended docket with leave to Mrs Brooks to apply for further relief whenever she is advised that she is entitled to it, but it is not intended that such relief shall in any way change or affect the allowance for her suppor and that of her children or the custody, maintenance and education of the children.

Mrs. Brooks is one of the famous Langhorne beauties. She is a sister of Mrs. Charles Dana Gibson, of New York; Mrs. William Waldorf Astor, of London, formerly Mrs. Nannie Langhorne Shaw, and Mrs. Paul Phipps, of Vancouver.

SPENDS MUCH OF HER TIME AT OLD LANGHORNE HOME

Mrs. Brooks has spent much of her

Langhorne home, "Mirador," near Greenwood, this county, which estate she purchased several years ago from her father, Colonel Chiswell D. Langhorne. Like her sisters, she is an enthusiastic horsewoman, and owns a string of hunters. Albemarle County Hunt, she frequently follows the hounds. She is rarely absent from any of the race meets or horse shows given under the auspices of the Albemarle Hunt, and frequently donates silver cups for special events on the programs. She is often seen on the streets of Charlottesville in company with her eldest son, Reginald. motoring down from her home in the Buy a Dog?" "See That My Grave's Blue Ridge Mountains, a distance of Kept Green" and "Oh, What a Night!" eight miles. Last summer Mrs. Brooks

RECEIVED FROM REMOTE PLACES

Information From Larger Cities and Towns Still Incomplete.

EVERYWHERE NEWS OF DEATH AND DAMAGE

All Italy Turns Entire Attention to Heroic Work of Rescue.

ADDITIONAL SHOCKS FEARED

Scores of Hamlets in Which Only Small Percentage of Population Escaped.

ROME, January 16 .- Fear of additional shocks is felt throughout the earthquake-devastated district, according to reports brought to Rome by refugees. Basis for this anxiety found in a dispatch from Sora, which says another strong earthquake occurred there last night, demolishing the valls of partly ruined buildings. Scant reports only of death and dam-age in remote places have been re-

ceived, and information from the larger places still is incomplete, but there is death roll is made up it will contain fully 30,000 names. Probably twice that number were injured.

The places which apparently suffered

most were: Avezzano, with about 10,-000 killed; Pescina, 5,000; Celano, 4,000; Cenchio, 2,400; Marsi, 1,000; Daterno, 1,000; San Pelino, 650, and It is reported that Masa D'Albe lost one-eighth of its population, while

Pesoasseroli was completely burned. In the devastated area there are scores of hamiets of which probably only a small percentage of the population escaped. The same is believed

ABANDONMENT IS ALLEGED to be true in the rural districts. ITALY TURNS ATTENTION

TO THE WORK OF RESCUE All Italy has turned its attention to rescue work. Thousands of soldiers and volunteers are digging frantically in the ruins in the hope that they may release a few who are still alive. Hun-CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., January but first attention is given where it is dreds of bodies are being recovered,

Vigorous efforts are being made to dispatch doctors, nurses, medicine and food to the ruined cities and villages. Criticisms have been voiced because of delay in sending medicine to some places destroyed, but it is nointed out that the difficulties of transportation made greater speed impossible

The injured are being cared for in makeshift hospitals established in the ruined towns or in the hospitals of Rome and other cities. Trains filled with survivors are arriving here constantly, and refugees have been given the best of care. Large sums are being subscribed for the relief of suffering, and Pope Benedict is one of the large contributors.

King Victor Emmanuel has returned to Rome, after visiting many of the places in the earthquake zone, where he directed the work of rescuers and personally distributed relief. NEEDS OF SURVIVORS

NOW VERY URGENT Needs of those who escaped, who are nomeless and generally penniless, is irgent, and the people, from the King lown, are doing all possible to alleviate their condition. Cold weather, which continues, adds to the terrible suffering, and temporary buildings of wood are being erected as fast as pos-sible to house the homeless.

Just how severely the Marsica disrict, in which Avezzano is located, suffered is best told in this telegram. which Monsignor Bagnoli, bishop of the region, sent to Pope Benedict:

"The Marsica Diocese has been transformed into a great cemetery. Avezzano, Capelle and Paterno razed and almost all inhabitants dead. Ecclesiastics, some dead, some wounded. "A few villages in the diocese are immune, but generally desolation reigns. It is an immense and distress-

ing catastrophe." The Pope sent this reply: "Being the father of all the faithful, but first of the unfortunate, I am

pierced with grief by this immense misfortune. "I extend my arms to my unhappy

children and pray for peace for the dead and comfort for the survivors." More wounded having been brought to the Santa Marta Hospital, the Pope time in the past two years at the old again visited the patients there to comfort them. To each he gave a medal. King Victor Emmanuel and the Queen Mother Margarita called at the hos-

pitals in Rome yesterday, visiting the injured. American Ambassador Page will visit the earthquake district. He has agreed with the Mayor that the best way for Americans to participate in relief work is to do so as individuals.

The kind sympathy, generosity and tact of the Americans, by which they will not infringe on Italy's decision to decline foreign official assistance, though they will still largely contribute as individuals to alleviate suffering, causing a profound sentiment of grati-

Several of the staff of the American embassy visited the garthquake scene yesterday. They gave such help as